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Status of Party Politics

That there is a feeling of tension among leaders of the dominant organization of the Democratic Party in Virginia is readily agreed. The top leaders within the party are not of one mind on a number of items, including a proposed sales tax and other vital issues of the day.

However, this newspaper believes that there is yet a long way to go before the dominant Democratic organization in the Old Dominion will lose its leadership. It is wholesome and natural that there should be differences of opinion within the party. It is also a sign of true democracy. It is proof that the Democratic Party, Virginia style, is alive, dynamic and throbbing with vitality. We know when to "close ranks," and we have every confidence that Virginia will maintain a solid front in the face of major emergencies.

OUR DRIVING RECORD

The American Automobile Association says that the average motorist has a rather spotty record — according to statistics it has assembled.

That is, the A. A. A. says that the average driver among us commits his share of traffic violations throughout his driving lifetime. Averaged out, the violations occur in this frequency:

An accident for the average driver every ten years; a speeding ticket for the average driver each fifteen years; a parking violation ticket every 2.8 years; and a moving traffic violation every 3.7 years.

This means, in effect, that if one drives thirty years, he will have experienced three accidents, have received two speeding tickets, eleven or twelve parking violation tickets, and about eight moving-traffic violations.

This is somewhat surprising, when viewed in the theoritical perspective of thirty years of driving. And it should be remembered that this applies to the average motorist. It does not apply to the above-average who might go through a lifetime of driving without committing any major violations or being involved in any accidents.

It is a funny thing, but people who have work to do will very often stop to play.

An open mind is a good asset, but don't let it become so often that nothing stays in it.

Most of us can always find an excellent reason for doing what we want to do when we want to do it.

Correct this sentence: "For some reason, which I cannot understand, I am behind with my work this week."

The business man who tries something and fails and then gets busy for another trial, will some day make the grade.

BACK TO THE RAILROADS

Ringling Brothers and Barnam and Bailey is going back to the railroads. The big circus is taking to the rails again after an experiment of three years,using buses and truck convoys.

It was thought — three years ago —that buses and trucks would be a better mode of travel for the circus, especially since it had cut down its large menagerie of animals — except for elephants, zebras, horses, and eight lions and tigers.

However, it was found that our highway congestion of today was a greater problem than those which occurred on rails. Flat tires, traffic lights, and other complications, all brought about the decision to return to the railroad cars. As a result, they will clatter up to New York City, to open the circus' annual spring engagement on March 31st at Madison Square Garden.

Ironically, the isident occurs when increasing highway congestion is causing serious traffic snarl-ups in all parts of the country.

For those who love the railroads, for railroaders, and for all those who love the tradition and folklore of railroads and trains, this will be interesting reading. The railways are NOT to be counted out!

Washington Notes

Likenesses Proposed

Likenesses of President Eisenhower and former President Franklin D. Roosevelt would be carved on Mount Rushmore under a proposal of Senator Keating (R., N. Y.)

At present, the national memorial in South Dakota has giant likenesses of Presidents George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Theodora Roosevelt.

Aid To Vietnam

A Senate investigation of foreign aid in South Vietnam has led to the conclusion that the program has been of major benefit to both South Vietnam and the United States.

On Teacher Pay

A House Education subcommittee has voted to exclude funds for teacher salaries from a new pared-down school aid bill.

The voice vote was taken at a closed meeting of the subcommittee as it began drafting of a new bill designed to be acceptable to the House.

Stand on Berlin

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter says that Moscow has adopted a tougher attitude on Germany.

The Secretary says the Soviet Union may have adopted its new attitude because of greater confidence in its defense capacity as a result of missile and rocket advances.

Budget Request Planned

The Navy plans to seek $975,000,000 for six more Polaris submarines in a supplementary budget request, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, to the Senate Preparedness subcommittee, revealed recently.

These would be in addition to three Polaris submarines that are provided in the budget before Congress. They would bring the total program to eighteen nuclear - powered submarines equipped to fire 1,200-mile missiles.

Seeks Career Youths

President Eisenhower has told heads of executive departments to keep an eye out for bright young men to fill top career posts during the next ten years.

He said in a memorandum that the Government "faces the possible loss of two-thirds of its top career managers" during that period.

A survey of 751 career officials in the top three pay grades, he said, indicates that two out of every three will become eligible for retirement during the 1960's. Two out of every five will be ready to retire by 1963. The figure did not include any losses because of death, disability, and resignation.

Atom Power Plan

The Atomic Energy Commission has offered a ten-year reactor program to Congress. It is designed to achieve economic nuclear electricity by the late Nineteen Sixties in areas of the United States that have high-cost power.

Young At Heart!

Nantucket, Mass.- After 30 years as town assessor, George E. Grimes has announced his candidacy for his 11th three-year term. Grimes doesn't think that he's too old. He is 92.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Why doesn't the cold front give ample warning before its arrival?

The cold front, as we have heretofore observed, may be right upon you before you notice it. Suspicion should be aroused by a sudden pick-up in the wind, especially if it comes as the sky is clearing, or has just cleared. Temperatures will also begin to drop.

But because the leading edge of this front will move over your head, on the earth's surface, before it moves in far above—at 30,000 or 40,000 feet, for example, there will be no clue high above in

This failure to provide enables the cold front to on surprise.

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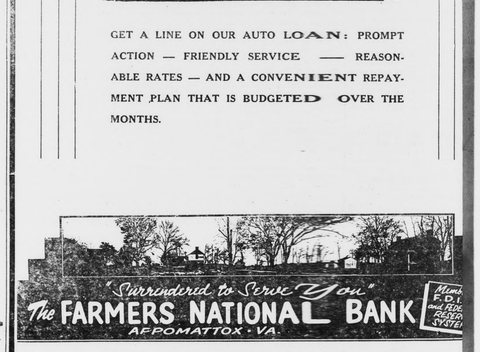

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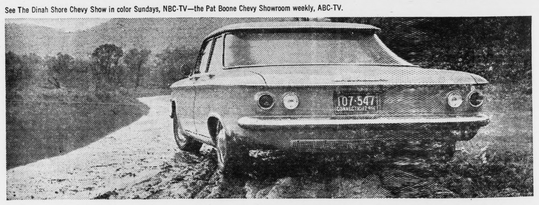

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You can wash your electric blanket by hand or machine. To wash by hand, make a heavy suds of warm water and mild soap. Soak well. Then squeeze suds gently through the blanket for about five minute. Rinse through two waters of the same temperature. Squeeze as much water as possible from the blanket. Put between heavy turkish towels to remove excess moisture.

To wash an electric blanket in an electric washer, dissolve soap or detergent in warm water; then put the blanket in the machine. Soak for 10 minutes. Set the machine to agitate or tumble for one minute. Spin for two minutes or until the water has drained from the tub. Follow with a rinse in warm water for about one minute. A final spin of two minutes should complete the washing. Wash only one blanket at ego, Calif.

If you have a dryer, use it to hasten drying. Pre-heat the dryer before putting the blanket in it. Put several turkish towels in the dryer with the blanket. The towels will absorb moisture and act as a buffer against tumbling action. Set the dryer on high. Dry for 10 minutes. Take blanket from machine and drape across two parallel clothes lines to finish drying. Or plug the attachment and let the blanket's own wiring complete the drying.

When the blanket is not in use, store in a plastic container, or in the box in which it was received. Most blankets are moth-proofed and it isn't necessary to use moth balls for storage.

Bang! Bang!

Big shots are little shots who kept on shooting. -Spotlight, San Di-

HONEY BEES MAY NEED ATTENTION IN WINTER

Honey bees may need a human helping hand in late winter.

John M. Amos, bee specialist at VPI, says that last year was a rather poor honey year and large amounts of honeydew were stored in the colonies. The bees may be having trouble wintering on this low-grade food material. Amos says to check the colonies during the first warm days in late February and early March to see if there is plenty of food for the spring build-up period.

If there is not, begin feeding about the first of March, using one part of granulated sugar to two parts of water. Heat the syrup so the sugar will dissolve and the bees can take it up during warm periods early in the spring. Such feeding will stimulate brood rearing and help the colonies develop to maximum size for the honey flow in May and June.

Beekeepers often think that honey bees are dying because a large number of them are found outside the hive on the ground during late winter and spring, Amos says. However, the fact that they have been carried out is a good sign that the colony is alive. Those colonies which do not have dead bees near or at the entrance are the ones likely to be all dead. It is usually a good idea to examine the specimens to see if they are light in color and seem to have died recently. If they died recently, the colony likely is still alive.

Independent Research

Old-timers remember when a person scratched when he itched, instead of going to see an allergist.-Chicago Sun-Times.

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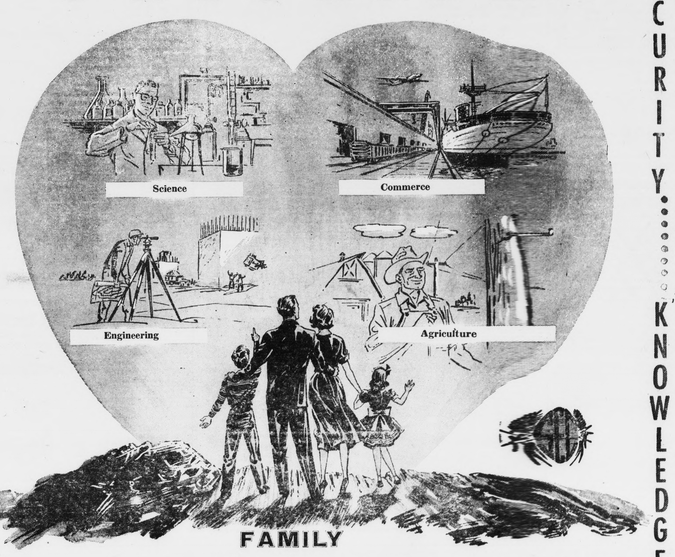

In America, it has been the people who led the way; the people who explored the forests, prairies, and mountains. It was the people who swept over the land, discovered and developed the natural resources, opened the continent to civilization, built towns and cities, and made them fruitful.

Thus progress has been the result of "we, the people," who conquered the wilderness, subdued mountains, navigated rivers and lakes, tamed the waterfalls, and conquered the deserts and forests. The hand and mind of man, moving upon and across the land, have produced wonders from Nature; have caused the land, sea, and air to relinquish their secrets; and have shaped the course of progress.

Governments can legislate and control, but only people can occupy, develop, and enrich a land. And in doing so, they bring treasures to themselves, not only in terms of dollars and cents, but also in terms of intimately personal considerations—such as self-satisfaction, a sense of worthy achievement, and a recognition of inherent power derived through personal initiative and effort.

And, though physical frontiers have been pushed into the sea, there remain other frontiers—economic, social, spiritual, scientific—still to be met and conquered by "We, the people."

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Good Soldiers

Lesson for February 28, 1960

MAYBE too much is said about the peace and joy of the Christian life. Peace and joy there are, to be sure; but hearing about nothing else may give interested persons the notion that being a Christian is just like floating on your back in a sunlit swimming pool, half asleep. On the contrary, the Christian life is more like a swim across the English channel, fighting current, waves, cold and hunger. If you're not prepared to swim against the tide, you'll never make it. Saint Paul more than once used language about the Christian life that make it sound like a fight. He compares it to a race (2 Tim. 4:7), to a boxing match (same verse), to a wrestling match (Eph. 6:12), to a war (Eph. 6:10f), to a battle with wild beasts (1 Cor. 15:32). He urges his young friend Timothy, who was a bit of a mother's-boy, to take his share of suffering like a good soldier of Jesus.

Where the Fight Starts

If this world were the kind of place that would give no trouble at all to a real Christian, it would not be the world that needed to be "saved." It is precisely because the world does not welcome 100% Christians that it did not welcome Jesus; it is definitely the hostility of the world that brought Christ here to endure the Cross.

Jesus did not go around picking on the world, and the Christian has no business picking on it, either. The way to be a good soldier of Jesus is not, usually, to start firing at will. There is enough fighting to be done without picking fights.

Consider the story of Paul's arrest at Jerusalem. It wasn't exactly arrest, it was being taken into protective custody to keep from being beaten to death by a lynching-bent mob. What caused the uproar? Slander caused it, for one thing; Paul was accused of sacrilege, defiling the Holy Place, which he had not done at all. Prejudice caused it, including race prejudice; Paul was accused, truthfully enough, of being friendly with Gentiles. There were other factors, but already we can see the kind of cause that can always be found back of opposition to Christians: Accusations of which Paul was innocent, and hatred of the very thing he did that was good. The Christian will at times be misunderstood, but even when he is fully understood he still may be a target for broken bottles.

Enduring

There is one very important difference between Christian "warfare" and literal war as carried on in the modern world. The GI or other soldier at the front carries a deadly weapon. He goes after the enemy by bringing him pain and catastrophe, he destroys him if he can. The Christian soldier carries on his war by turning the enemy (of God) into a friend. He fights not by inflicting suffering but by enduring it. Paul being beaten by that insane mob was not fighting back. He would not have done it if he could. He wrote to friends that he carried the "marks of the Lord Jesus" about with him, and he meant literal scars. Read what he says about his trials in 2 Cor. 11: 23-28.

Witnessing

The other way the Christian soldier fights is by simply witnessing. It is an impressive sight. Paul with his clothes torn, himself bleeding and in fact half dead, looking more like an Egyptian bandit than a Roman citizen, quieting the crowd with a gesture, and then in their own language telling the story of how he became a Christian. That took courage. It was really his being a Christian that started the trouble. But this is what he will not tone down or deny. The Christian warfare is by witnessing. Let no one say this is all talk, that talk is cheap and easy, that nobody is going to lynch you for being a Christian in America today. Isn't it true, disgracefully true, that many Christians keep quiet about it? Stones are not thrown today; but laughter is. Don't Christians dread ridicule almost as if it were gunfire?

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